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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The above items are considered pertinent in that they relate to packings in contacting apparatus, and further because they were cited against applicant's counterpart international patent application. Also attached is a copy of the International

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Search Report by the European Patent Office in which these references were cited and which lists the U.S. patent numbers corresponding to the cited foreign references.

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